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March 7, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest for Price Cap Areas
Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("PRTC" dba "Peoples Telecom, LLC") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ PRTC is an ILEC serving rural areas of Jackson and Owsley counties in Kentucky and PRTC proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The experiment will provide broadband service to approximately 1,238 eligible high-cost locations adjacent to our regulated serving area in unserved high-cost Census Blocks within these Census Tract(s) listed below.

Kentucky:

County	Tract
Clay	21051950200
Clay	21051950300
Lee	21129950100
Lee	21129950200
Madison	21151011100

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

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Proposed Services

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 50 Mbps downstream/5 Mbps upstream provided over fiber to the home technology. The infrastructure built for fiber to the home technology will provide a solid foundation for even faster speeds as technology evolves over many more years to come.

Funding

It is difficult to estimate construction costs because the identity of the unserved high-cost census blocks within the census tracts are currently unknown. However, based on our knowledge of the area, PRTC anticipates that it will be several million dollars, which would be far in excess of the amount of funding available. For the purpose of this Letter of Intent, PRTC requests \$2.9 M in funding from Connect America Funds in one-time funding and will fund ongoing expenses to operate the system. The costs will be refined if and when a formal proposal is submitted.

PRTC expects to begin customer availability of service within some of the unserved high-cost Census Blocks within one year and to be offered to all areas within three years after construction starts.

PRTC appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Kindest regards,
PEOPLES RURAL TELEPHONE COOP. CORP., INC.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Keith Gabbard", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Keith Gabbard, CEO